

Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received a waiver granting adjustment of reporting deadlines for districts and schools enrolled in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The official language from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reads: FNS waives, for all States, statutory and regulatory deadlines relating to CEP reporting and election during the COVID-19 public health emergency. (7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(i) and (iv); 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5) and (6); 245.9(f)(4)(i)).

What does this mean?

This waiver makes the following adjustments to annual CEP deadlines. The highlighted column shows the new deadlines granted by the waiver.

CEP Requirement	Annual Deadline	Waiver Deadline
District-wide eligibility notification for CEP sent out and list posted to state agency website	April 15	June 15, 2020
List of CEP-eligible schools posted to state agency website	May 1	June 30, 2020
Elect CEP for the following school year	June 30	August 31, 2020, or the first day of school, whichever is earlier

How do I elect to participate in CEP?

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Programs (SNP) unit requires the notification to occur by selecting “yes” to question number 12 and saving the Sponsor Information Page in the [MEGS+ CNP: SNP 2021 Application](#). The 2021 MEGS+ application will be available in May 2020.

Questions regarding CEP may be directed to MickelsonN@michigan.gov.

This waiver is effective immediately and shall remain in place until August 31, 2020.